



## CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR

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Christiane Amanpour got an entry-level job at CNN 35 years ago, when the network was a three-year-old upstart founded by eccentric billionaire Ted Turner. American audiences came to know the newswoman on the front lines of global crises in 1990, when she reported on the first Gulf War. Now, to many viewers, Amanpour is CNN. But while her nightly news interview show, Amanpour, aired for a total of eight years on CNN International, she has been less known as an anchor. That's about to change.

In November 2017, eight women accused PBS host Charlie Rose of sexual harassment, a number that ultimately grew to more than 30. His show was canceled. The next month, Amanpour was tapped to fill that opening, a changeover that became official this September with *Amanpour & Co.*—the "Co." being a roster of respected journalists from PBS and NPR—which now runs on both CNN International and PBS.

During a press tour for the new series, Amanpour stated, "I believe in being truthful, not neutral." So it's no surprise that she doesn't mince

words about the circumstances that led to her new gig. "Given why Charlie Rose lost his slot, I feel it's absolutely not just justified but really smart to put a woman in," she says. "And not just any woman—a woman who has proved herself over decades of reporting, with every award in the book and a career with the evidence to back it up."

Asked about men ousted in the #MeToo uproar who've hinted at comebacks—her predecessor among them—she's even more unflinching. "As long as these accusations are honest, and fair, and hold up potentially in court, then I think that a price has to be paid. If a price isn't paid, nothing will change." As Amanpour sees it, "This stuff has been building up, like sedimentary rock, for generations, and it's now exploding because we won't take it anymore. We will not settle anymore." She adds, "And the next thing they need to do is give us equal pay for equal play." So how did she handle that part of her new job? "I negotiated like a man."

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